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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated August 2, 2002 (Paper No. 7) please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS

Authorization in a separate letter filed concurrently with this response, is sought to amend Figs. 6 and 9 in a manner which illustrates the honey-comb and fin members recited in claim 7, which adds additional lead lines to the numerals 15 in Fig. 9, so that all of the blocking portions are identified to the degree that any possible ambiguity is avoided, and which adds numerals 5 and 5a to denote the blocks and the gas absorption/releasing material.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the originally filed Abstract with the Substitute Abstract appended to the end of this response.